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SUBJECT: GOCR REACTION TO ALLEGED STANDARD FRUIT
ASSASSINATION PLOT

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1. I WAS UNABLE TO REACH FONMIN FACIO UNTIL THIS
AFTERNOON TO ASK WHAT HE COULD TELL ME ABOUT GOP'S
CHARGES AGAINST STANDARD. HE REPLIED THAT HE HAS
RECEIVED ABSOLUTELY NO PROOF OF EVIDENCE AS YET
FROM GOP, AND THAT HIS PERSONAL VIEW, AT THE
MOMENT, IS THAT THE CHARGES ARE "FANTASTIC."

2. I EXPRESSED MY CONCERN ABOUT ADVERSE
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PSYCHOLOGICAL IMPACT THESE CHARGES COULD HAVE IN

THE MIDST OF CURRENT GOCR DISCURBAQNS WITH BANANA
COMPANIES, AND MY HOPE THAT THE
FULL MATTER MAY
BE CLARIFIED FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC. IN THIS
CONNECTION I MENTIONED TODAY'S NASTY EDITORIAL IN
LA HORA WHICH CALLED FOR EXPROPRIATION OF STANDARD.
FACIO ASSURED ME THAT LA HOR'S EDITORIAL IN NO WAY
REFLECTS GOCR CONCLUSIONS IN THIS MATTER.

3. COMMENT: WHILE THE GOP CHARGES AGAINST STANDARD
MAY VERY WELL BLOW AWAY IF NOT SUBSTANTIATED, I
DOUBT THAT GOCR WILL TAKE MUCH INITIATIVE TO EXONERATE
STANDARD. GOCR WOULD PRESUMABLY NOT WISH UNDULY
TO EMBARRASS ITS FRIEND TORRIJOS, AND IT PROBABLY
DOES NOT MIND LETTING STANDARD SQUIRM DURING PRESENT
NEGOTIATIONS. I WOULD HOPE, HOWEVER, THAT MEANS CAN
BE FOUND TO CLEAR THIS MATTER UP NOT ONLY FOR STANDARD'S
IMAGE BUT THAT OF AMERICAN FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN
GENERAL.
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